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NEW STATE EPIDEMIOLOGIST



Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is pleased to announce that Dr. Gail Hansen is the new State Epidemiologist. Dr. Hansen has been an infectious disease epidemiologist within

the Division of Health at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment since October 1996. She started as an assistant state epidemiologist and state public health veterinarian, and served as the deputy state epidemiologist since 2001. She was the interim state epidemiologist beginning in February 2004. In 2002, she was awarded the Samuel Crumbine medal by KPHA for contributions to public health in Kansas. Hansen has held an adjunct faculty position at the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine and works with the programs of public health at both KSU and KU.

Before coming to Kansas, she served as an epidemiologist at the Seattle-King County Health Department in Washington, working primarily on applied epidemiology research in HIV and AIDS. Hansen received her master's degree in public health from the University of Washington in 1993 and her veterinary degree in 1982 from the University of Minnesota. She worked for 14 years as a veterinary clinician in private practices in Seattle, New York City, and Greensboro, NC.

"As the state epidemiologist, I plan to keep my hand in communicable diseases, but will broaden the scope of the position to be more knowledgeable and more involved with all aspects of public health epidemiology. I see the state epidemiologist as a person who can span the broad scope of public health epidemiology at KDHE. I do not expect to be an expert in all the epidemiologic details in all the programs, but to bring together common epidemiology elements and themes. The ultimate goals are to foster collaborations within the entire agency among different programs, have

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epidemiologists within the agency learn from each other, determine strengths and weaknesses within the discipline of public health epidemiology at KDHE, continue to provide epidemiologic technical assistance to local health departments, and provide the state coherent interpreted results of surveillance and other data (did I mention, bring about world peace?). "

Public and local health department requests have pointed out the desire for many Kansans to expand environmental health programs. One of the first steps KDHE has already taken is to find a qualified environmental epidemiologist to help build a sustainable program within KDHE. Hansen wants to be sure that the environmental epidemiologist has every chance to succeed in that effort.

BUREAU OF CONSUMER HEALTH HAS NEW DIRECTOR



Mary Glassburner has worked for KDHE for 15 years; all of that time with the Bureau of Consumer Health (BCH). Mary started as an investigator with the Food Protection and Consumer Safety program and was promoted to director of that program in 1999. Mary is active in professional organizations and looks for ways to promote food safety. Glassburner served as the President and a member of the Executive Board for the Kansas Environmental Health Association and was the 2005 President for the Mid Continental Association of Food and Drug Officials and a member of that Executive Board. She also served as the Kansas representative to the National Conference for Food Protection.

WIC LEADERSHIP AWARD



Mary Washburn, the Nutrition Services Coordinator and Breastfeeding Coordinator in the Bureau of Children, Youth, and Families (BCYF) Nutrition and WIC Services Section, has received the National WIC Association's Leadership Award. The award was presented at the National WIC Association's 2005 Annual meeting in St. Louis. Four awards were presented. Mary was recognized for her professional contributions at the state and regional level. Mary has worked for the WIC program since 1985 and before that worked for 20 years as a dietitian in the clinical setting. She has been a tireless leader and advocate for breastfeeding and was instrumental in establishing a lactation room in the Curtis State Office Building. Mary is active in the Kaw Area Breastfeeding Coalition and is the Kansas representative to the Association of State and Territorial Public Health Nutrition Directors. Mary has been a mentor to WIC Nutritionists throughout Kansas and has had a great influence on the quality of nutrition services provided to Kansans. Other recipients of the 2005 Leadership award were Anita Owen of Scottsdale AZ, an early pioneer in the WIC program, Gotham, Inc., of New York, NY, the creators of an outstanding advertising campaign for the

WIC Program, and Gayle Shockey-Hoxter of Riverside, CA, the Program Chief of the Riverside County Community Health Agency. The Department of Health and Environment is very proud of Mary, the first person from Kansas to receive this prestigious award.

HOME VISITATION COLLABORATION

The Kansas Home Visitation Training Task Force was formed in 2002 to address the need for training among home visitation staff in multiple programs, including Head Start, Parents as Teachers, Healthy Start Home Visitors, Part C Infant Toddler



Programs and others serving children and families and to increase collaboration and coordination of services at the state and local level. The Task Force determined that these programs identified the following common

needs: high quality, cost-effective training in basic home visitation philosophy and practice; opportunities for all home visitors in Kansas to participate; sufficient qualified trainers to reach all areas of the state; and inclusion of topics such as mental health, substance abuse and domestic violence.

The Home Visitation Training curriculum developed by the Nebraska Early Childhood Training Center was selected by the Task Force because of its proven success in Nebraska and the demonstrated quality of its content and presenters. Funding to purchase this curriculum, supporting materials and the presentation of the six-day training for trainers was provided by the Region VII Administration for Children and Families (regional Head Start office) and the Kansas Head Start Collaboration Office. The Kansas Head Start Association (KHSA) was selected as the contractor for this project through a competitive bid process.

Three BCYF staff, Chris Tuck, Child & School Health Consultant, Jane Stueve, Adolescent and School Health Consultant, and Jamie Klenklen, MCH Fiscal Consultant, were selected to become trainers and will collaborate with other trainers across the state to educate and train home visitors over the next two years. Watch for upcoming training opportunities in your area by visiting the Head Start Web site at: <http://www.ksheadstart.org> and click on: "Exciting New Training Opportunities for Home Visitors" at:

<http://www.ksheadstart.org/kansas/homevisitationtraining.html>

ILLEGAL DUMPING PROBLEM IN KANSAS

*by Bill Bider, Director
Bureau of Waste Management*



Each year, KDHE gets involved with about 50 or more illegal dumps throughout Kansas. Some are just a small amount of roadside dumping, but others are huge areas where illegal dumping has gone unnoticed for decades. In some cases, there is a responsible party and enforcement action is initiated to clean up the problem. In other cases, the dumpers are unknown and the state works with local government, usually the county, to clean up the dump. A few years ago, provisions were added to state law providing KDHE with the authority to clean up illegal dumps when the responsible party was unknown, able, or unwilling to do so.

Illegal dumps generally contain demolition debris, furniture, and, general trash. These wastes can lead cause environmental impacts and present dangerous conditions for children and wildlife. They are also an eyesore.

KDHE has cleaned up about 200 illegal dumps since this program began in 2001. Presently, the department is working with Barton County to clean up the single largest dumping area since the program began. About 70 separate parcels of land in South Hoisington have been dumped on by many different people for decades. Only a few residents remain in this area that was abandoned many years ago.

While some illegal dumps are newly created, many that are reported to KDHE are old. Whether new or old, KDHE needs the help of local officials and the general public to bring such area to our attention. If you know of an illegal dump anywhere in Kansas, please contact Bob Medina, the coordinator of our illegal dump clean-up program at (785) 296-6617 or by e-mail at bmedina@kdhe.state.ks.us. There is also an illegal dump form on the Bureau of Waste Management web page to report these areas <http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/waste>.

One important caution before you report a site. Please remember that Kansas law allows homeowners (mainly farmers and ranchers) to dispose of their own household waste on their own property as long as it does not create an environmental impact or present a nuisance to neighbors. Many of these "legal" dumps exist that are ineligible for state aid to carry out the clean-up work. However, if one of these dumps is causing a problem, the exemption disappears and enforcement action can be taken to correct the problem.

MEDICAID VFC UPDATE

*- Brenda Kuder, RN
SRS Medicaid*



Kansas Medical Assistance Program (KMAP) has received numerous inquiries regarding the coverage of meningococcal vaccine for Medicaid beneficiaries that have aged out of the Vaccine For Children (VFC) Program. We want to let everyone know that this vaccine will be added to the list of covered vaccines for our non-VFC population. Once the policy has been implemented all providers will be notified via KMAP bulletin and provider manual updates. This policy will also include updates to vaccine coverage for VFC eligible beneficiaries.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR

After conducting a nationwide search, the Sedgwick County Health Department is pleased to announce that Claudia Blackburn from the city of Amarillo, TX, has agreed to serve as Director of the Sedgwick County Health Department. Her appointment began May 31.



Professionally, Blackburn has served the city of Amarillo and the Bi-City-County Public Health District since 1984. In her tenure there she served in several capacities including, Prenatal Nurse Coordinator, Director of Nursing, Director of Personal Health Services, and since 1996 as Director of Public Health.

Blackburn received her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from the University of Connecticut, Master's of Public Health from University of Texas School of Public Health, also certification as a Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner and most recently became a Certified Public Manager.

Blackburn will be responsible for directing 160 employees in five divisions: Clinical Services (pro-

viding children's primary care, prenatal care, children's dental services, family planning, STD testing and treatment, cancer screening, and immunizations), Health Surveillance and Disease Control (infectious disease surveillance, investigation, tuberculosis testing and treatment and education, and Public Health Emergency Management), Integrated Family Health (WIC, Healthy Babies-home visiting nurses, and Behavioral Health-addictions treatment), Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, and Administrative Services. Bill Farney has served as the interim director since June 2004.

"We are very confident in Claudia's abilities and experience in public health," said Board of County Commissioners Chairman Dave Unruh.

She is enthusiastic about the position and the opportunities that await her in Sedgwick County. Please join the Sedgwick County Health Department in welcoming her.

REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEETINGS

Central Region: Meetings are held at the Reno County Health Department 209 W Second, Hutchinson from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Sept. 28
Nov. 30

North Central Region: The next meeting will be held at the First National Bank, Basement meeting room, 1205 Eighteenth Street from 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. RSVP Marcia Hansen at Republic County Health Department for lunch at 785-527-5671. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Aug. 23
Oct. 25
Dec. 6

Northeast Region: Meetings are held at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Azure Conference Room, Fourth Floor, Topeka, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Sept. 8
Dec. 8

Northwest Region: Meetings are held from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the NW Educational Service Center in Oakley. RSVP Georgette at Logan County Health Department for lunch count at 785-672-4502. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Aug. 11
Oct. 13
Dec. 8

Southeast Region: Meetings are held from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Southeast District Office, 1500 West Seventh, Meadowlark Room, Chanute. Please contact Jon Anderson at 620-431-2390 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Aug. 4
Nov. 10

Southwest Region: Meetings are held at the Finney County Administration Building, 311 N Ninth, Garden City from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Sept. 16
Nov. 18

NEWS BRIEFS

Bioterrorism Program Library

The Office of Domestic Preparedness has training videos and DVDs available from the KDHE Bioterrorism Program Library. The newly available items include:



- Coordinating and Managing a Large Scale Incident (video, January 2005, one copy)
- Emergency Response to Terrorism: Training for First Responders (DVD, 2004, three copies)
- Kansas Homeland Security Federal Fiscal Year 2003 Annual Report: Implementing Homeland Security Programs to Make Kansas Safer (booklet, August 2004, seven copies)
- Live Response: The National Incident Management System - NIMS (video, March 2005, one copy)
- Managing Terrorism Incidents: Using Unified Command in WMD Incidents (28-minute video, September 2002, two copies)
- Mass Antibiotic Dispensing: Streamlining POD Design and Operations (CD, April 2005, two copies)
- Mass Antibiotic Dispensing: Streamlining POD Design and Operations (video, April 2004, one copy)
- Medical Surge and Capability: A Management System for Integrating Medical and Health Resources During Large Scale Emergencies (booklet, 2004, five copies)
- The Role of Public Health in a Nuclear or Radiological Terrorist Incident (video, February 2005, one copy)
- Weapons of Mass Destruction and the First Responder (24-minute video, January 2004, two copies)

The purpose of the Kansas Bioterrorism Program Library is to serve as a resource to local agencies for research, training and education about preparedness and response issues. All items that are checked out should be returned to the library within 30 calendar days of checkout, unless special arrangements are made in advance. Clicking on the "Information" link on the PHIX home page and then selecting "BT Library" can access more information about the Bioterrorism Program Library.

Please contact Mike Heideman at 785-296-4363 or mheidema@kdhe.state.ks.us if you would like to checkout an item or if you have questions about the library. Thank you.

Clinic Has New Home



The Sedgwick County Health Department strives to provide timely and efficient customer service. In order to do so, the move of clinical services to larger facilities was necessary. The new facility is located at 2716 W Central and was opened on June 1.

The current facility at 1900 E Ninth lacks a sufficient number of appropriately sized exam rooms. Currently, the health department has 15 exam rooms, four that double as office space and 20 that are smaller than 10 square feet. The West Central location will provide 23 full-time exam rooms with 100 square feet each.

The addition of exam rooms will help to provide a more efficient clinical operation. At the current space, staff and clients are frequently waiting for available exam room space.

The Sedgwick County Dental Clinic will also benefit from the move of clinical services to the West Central location. The move will allow the Dental Clinic to expand from two exam rooms to three.

The space that will be vacated when the clinical services are moved to the West Central location will

be used for the Women, Infant, and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC).

Presently, the WIC program has more than 8,000 client encounters each month. The program uses cubical space for exam rooms and a hallway for a waiting room. Moving from their current space to the vacated clinical services area will allow WIC to utilize exam rooms and the large waiting room.

The decision to move clinical services was based on meeting the increasing needs of their clients. The move allowed the patients to spend less time waiting for exam rooms and the move will provide convenient parking. In addition, the West Central location is on the city's bus schedule. Support services including interpreters, SRS and billing staff will continue to be available to meet client needs.

For more information contact Sedgwick County Health Department at 316-660-7300 or visit their Web site at

<http://www.sedgwickcounty.org/healthdept/index.html>.



Educating Students on Fire Safety Making a Difference!

by Kathy Janousek

Office Manager/Projector Coordinator

Rush County Health Department

After receiving a grant from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Kansas Fire Injury Prevention Program, the Rush County Health Department preceded with a main goal.

****Distribute, install and educate children and citizens on the importance of fire safety through maintaining smoke alarms and the education of fire ladders. This would be accomplished with school assemblies and workshops for the day care providers.***

An article was published in the Rush County News to make the citizens aware of the availability of free smoke alarms and fire ladders through the Rush County Health Department.

In April, Kim Knieling, RN, Adm. and Kathy Janousek, Office Manager/Project Coordinator, planned programs with the Day Care Providers and Elementary Students in USD No. 395 and No. 403.



Sarah Ruff, Kansas State Fire Marshall Inspector, Randy Tammen, Fire Chief of the Timken Fire District, and the Rush County Health Department conducted school programs last April. Students were shown a video on fire safety and smoke alarms. Demonstrations and hands on experience with the fire ladders, smoke alarms and a tour of the fire truck completed the assemblies. Students went home with a bag of goodies which included smoke alarms notices, color books, pencils, erasers, lollipop, education pamphlets, stickers and plastic fire caps.

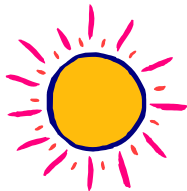
The students were asked to guess the number of fires in Rush County in 2004. The winning class won a pizza party. USD 395 winning class was the kindergarten's and USD 403 was the third graders. 15 pizzas were delivered along with juice and fudge bars. They remainder of the students were treated to popsicles.

Most of the 250 smoke alarms have been installed or handed out. Approximately 24 fire ladders have been distributed.

Kan-Be-Healthy Program Coordinator



Washburn University in Topeka is seeking candidates for the half-time Kan Be Healthy Program Coordinator position in Continuing Education Department. Work schedule will be determined at time of hire. For required and preferred qualifications and application procedures go to <http://www.washburn.edu/admin/human-resources>.



Start of WIC in Seward County



Exciting news, as of June 26, Seward County has 25 WIC clients in their database. Plus there are 28 names on the "call back" list. The clients are a combination of both transfers from Southwest Kansas and new clients.

CONFERENCES

KPHA Fall Conference

Kansas Public Health Association

Taking it to the Streets: Partnering to Improve the Public's Health

Joint Conference – the Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA) and Kansas Environmental Health Association (KEHA).

September 20-22

Hyatt Regency, 400 W. Waterman St. Wichita



2005 Kansas Environment Conference



The 2005 Kansas Environment Conference will be held on August 23-25 at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita and is sponsored by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the US

Environmental Protection Agency Region 7.

Deadline for registration is August 17. Please complete the registration form and mail your check or money order payable to KDHE Training Fee Fund for \$110 to Kansas Environment Conference, KDHE Bureau of Environmental Field Services, 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 430, 4th Floor, Topeka, KS 66612. Your registration with payment must be received by 5 p.m. August 17. Limited late and on-site registration will be available for \$130 and will include admission to sessions, and meals if space allows. The conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 400 West Waterman in Wichita. Please make your own hotel reservations by calling (800) 233-1234 or (316) 293-1966. A block of rooms has been re-

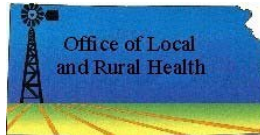
served. Mention you are with the Kansas Environment Conference to receive the rate of \$85 per night plus tax. Your reservation must be made by August 5 to receive this rate. To receive a registration form or if you have further questions please call KDHE BEFS at (785) 296-6603.

TRAININGS

Medical Interpreter and Cultural Competency Training 2005-06



Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), *Office of Local and Rural Health (OLRH)*, is proud to announce its fifth year of sponsoring medical interpreter training and its third year for cultural competency training. KDHE, OLRH, will sponsor six medical interpreter and six cultural competency training sessions this coming year. KDHE has contracted with Jewish Vocational Service of Kansas City, MO to present each training session. The training sessions are listed below:



Medical Interpreter Training Schedule 2005-06

Medical interpreter training is 40 hours of intensive, interactive learning for bilingual participants. The projected outcomes are to train qualified bilingual individuals in medical/social service interpreting and to provide educational training to medical and social service providers on their legal obligations to provide language assistance to limited or non-English speaking clients.



SW Kansas - Dodge City

September 26 - 30 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Western Plains Medical Complex
Classroom located at the Annex Building (across from the hospital)
108 Ross Blvd.
Dodge City, KS 67801

SE Kansas - Pittsburg

October 17 - 21 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
(site to be announced)
Pittsburg, KS

NE Kansas - Lawrence

November 7 - 8, 14 - 16 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Lawrence Memorial Hospital

325 Maine (Room A Auditorium on Nov. 7 & 8, Room AA on Nov. 14-15, and Room AD on Nov. 16)
Lawrence, KS 66044

Central Kansas - Emporia

February 27- March 3, 2006 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Newman Memorial Hospital
Continuing Education Classroom, 2nd Floor
Enter from the Visitors Entrance
1201 West 12th
Emporia, KS 66801

SC Kansas - Wichita

March 13-17, 2006 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita
1010 N. Kansas
Meadowlark Room 1305
Wichita, KS 67214

NC Kansas - Manhattan

(site to be announced)
June 5 - 9, 2006 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

For more information/or registration please contact Cathy Anderson at Jewish Vocational Service (JVS), 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 or call 816-471-2808 ext. 124, or e-mail Cathy at canders@jvskc.org.

Cultural Competency Training Schedule 2005-06

Cultural competency training will provide participants an opportunity to learn how to effectively communicate with limited English-proficient clients, collaborate with families and coordinate services. The topics covered will include: Dimensions of Diversity, Working Effectively with Interpreters, and Building Culturally Competent Community Partnerships. Participants do not have to be bilingual to take this 16-hour training.

NE Kansas - Topeka

February 8 - 9, 2006 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Kansas Department of Health & Environment
Curtis State Office Building
1000 SW Jackson, Conference Room 530, 5th Floor
Topeka, KS

SW Kansas - Garden City

April 5 - 6, 2006 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Area SRS Building
1710 Palace Drive
Garden City, KS 67846

Central Kansas - Emporia

April 12 - 13, 2006 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Newman Memorial Hospital

Continuing Education Classroom, 2nd Floor

Enter from the Visitors Entrance

1201 West 12th

Emporia, KS 66801

SC Kansas - Wichita

May 10 - 11, 2006 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita

1010 N. Kansas, Sunflower Room 2202

Wichita, KS 67214

NE Kansas - Holton

May 24 - 25, 2006 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Holton, KS (site to be announced)

NC Kansas - Salina

June 13 -14, 2006 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Catholic Charities

425 W. Iron, A Board Room

Salina, KS

For more information/or registration please contact Cathy Anderson at Jewish Vocational Service (JVS), 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 or call 816-471-2808 ext. 124, or e-mail Cathy at canders@jvskc.org.

**Leadership Training for
Public Health Professionals**



The Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute (KPHLI) is seeking applicants for its third training cycle (2005-2006). The year-long cycle will begin with an orientation session following the Kansas Public Health Association conference in September 2005.

The KPHLI provides competency-based leadership training to public health professionals from around the state of Kansas. Scholars gather in four quarterly training sessions, where they hear renowned speakers and are introduced to vital information about public health and leadership development. Between sessions, scholars complete directed readings and writing assignments in consultation with a mentor.

Interested applicants must submit a one page biosketch and statement of interest to the KPHLI and must solicit a letter of professional recommendation. For further information about the KPHLI application process, see a PDF of the Cycle III application brochure at

http://www.waldcenter.org/kphli/KPHLI_CycleIII_brochure.pdf or contact KPHLI Coordinator Theresa St.Romain at tstromain@kumc.edu. Visit the KPHLI on the web at <http://www.waldcenter.org/kphli/index.html>.

Billing Workshops**NE Billing Group**

Thursday, Aug. 4

Thursday, Nov. 3



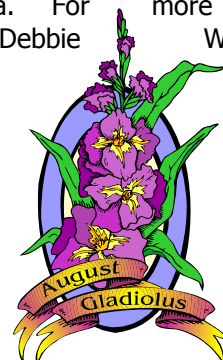
Meetings are held at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Azure Conference Room, 4th Floor, Topeka, from 9 a.m. - noon. For more information contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110.

Billing Biddies, September 7 from 9 a.m. – noon at the Lincoln County Emergency Services Building, on the corner of Hwy 14 and Lincoln Ave. Republic County will bring refreshments. For more information contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639.

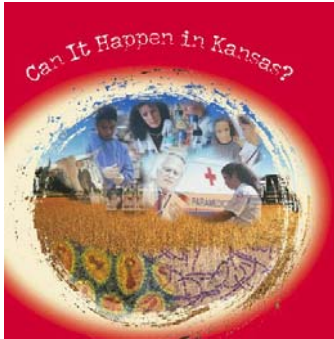
Billers Anonymous will meet August 9 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., in Goodland at the Sherman County Health Department, 1622 Broadway. For more information contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639.

Mission Impossible Group will meet August 25 from 9 a.m. – noon, Reno County Health Department, Hutchinson. Cowley County will bring refreshments. For more information contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639.

SW Billing Group, from 9 a.m. – noon, Satanta Bank, Satanta. For more information contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639.



Responding to Terrorism: Case Studies for Local Response to Terror



Offered in four locations; for registration go to <http://www.kansas-antiterror.org>. Download a [registration form](#). You will need Adobe Acrobat software to view this pdf form. Advance registration \$45, onsite \$55.

Wichita • August 10

Hilton Wichita Airport Executive Conference Center
(316-945-5272)

Preregistration deadline: August 4

To register make check payable and mail or fax registration to:

East AHEC

PO Box 296, Pittsburg, KS 66762-0296

Phone: 620-235-4040

Fax: 620-235-4041

Salina • August 25

Bicentennial Center, 800 The Midway (785-826-7200)

Preregistration deadline: August 19

To register make check payable (no credit cards) and mail or fax registration to:

Northwest AHEC

217 E. 32nd, Hays, KS 67601

Phone: 785-628-6128

Fax: 785-628-6034

Dodge City • August 31

The Dodge House, 2408 W. Wyatt Earp Boulevard
(620-227-5012)

Preregistration deadline: August 25

To register make check payable and mail or fax registration to:

Southwest AHEC

1501 Fulton Terrace, Suite 1, Garden City, KS 67846

Phone: 620-275-0259

Fax: 620-275-2831

Overland Park • September 7

Overland Park Convention Center, 6000 College

Blvd (913-339-3000)

Preregistration deadline: September 1

Mail to: The University of Kansas Continuing Education

Registrations 1515 St. Andrews Drive

Lawrence, Kansas 66047-1625

Phone: Toll free 877-404-5823 or 785-864-5823

Fax: 785-864-4871

TDD: 800-766-3777

**Kansas Tobacco Use
Prevention Program**
Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Treating Tobacco Use During Pregnancy and Beyond Workshops

Quitting smoking is one of the most important things a woman can do to improve the outcome of her pregnancy. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Tobacco Use Prevention Program will sponsor 10 workshops across Kansas to address tobacco use among pregnant women. These workshops will provide health care professionals with information regarding tobacco use during pregnancy and the tools and techniques that can be implemented into a busy practice to promote tobacco cessation.

Between 12 - 13 percent of women smoke during pregnancy in Kansas and only 18-25 percent of all women quit smoking once they become pregnant. Successful treatment of tobacco dependence can achieve a 20 percent reduction in low-birth babies, a 17 percent decrease in preterm babies, and an average increase in birth weight of 28 grams.

Workshop facilitator Monica Scheibmeir, RN, PhD, Assistant Professor at the University of Kansas School of Nursing, will provide information regarding the "5 A's" approach to tobacco cessation in a clinical setting, discuss the use of nicotine replacement therapy during pregnancy, and advise health care providers how to actively refer pregnant smokers to cessation services, including the Kansas Tobacco Quitline (**1-866-KAN-STOP**). Continuing Education Credits will be offered to physicians and nurses who attend the workshop. No registration fee will be charged, however, pre-registration is required to attend. Workshops will be offered on August 26 in Overland Park, September 2 in Pratt, September 9 in McPherson, September 12 in Wichita, September 26 in Chanute, October 7 in Lawrence, October 17 in Topeka, October 27 in Hays, October 28 in Garden City, and November 18 in El Dorado. For more information or to receive registration materials, please contact the University of

Kansas Medical Center, Area Health Education Center at 620-235-4040.

GENERAL WORKSHOPS

The Kansas State Board of Nursing at lists continuing education of interest to the public health workforce:

<http://www.ksbn.org/cne/cnemain.htm> .

Kansas Division of Emergency Management:

<http://www.accesskansas.org/kdem/trainingnew.htm>

KAN Be Healthy RN orientation and training:

<http://www.washburn.edu/ce/kbh/training>

Public Health Training Network Satellite Downlinks/Webcasts



To view a complete list of satellite downlinks and webcasts go to PHTN Web site at

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp> Call Linda Frazier, Distance Learning Coordinator at (785) 625-5663 for assistance.

July – September Downlinks/Web casts

Immunization Update

July 28
8:00 - 10:30 AM & 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

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HPV and Cervical Cancer: An Update on Prevention Strategies

August 09
12:00 noon – 1:00 PM

Webcast Only

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"Public Health Grand Rounds"

September 30,
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Title to be announced.

For more information, visit
<http://www.publichealthgrandrounds.unc.edu>.

AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS



Look for AHEC's web page at <http://kuahec.kumc.edu> or trainings at <http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us> under the "Additional PH Training Calendar"

NW Kansas – Register or call at 785-628-6128

SW Kansas – Register or call at 620-275-0259

SE Kansas – Register or call at 620-235-4040

To Order Tapes/CDs:

Public Health Foundation Online Bookstore:

<http://bookstore.phf.org/cat20.htm>

CDC BT programs:

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

Disaster Site Worker Outreach Training Program, OSHA

<http://www.osha.gov/fso/ote/training/disaster/disaster.html>

Nursing Education

Ft. Hays Nursing: <http://www.fhsu.edu/nursing>

KU Nursing: KU has an on-line RN to BSN completion program:

http://www2.kumc.edu/son/vclassroom/rn_to_bsn.htm

Wichita State University: on-line RN to BSN:

http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=chp_nurs&p=/rntobsnhompage/

Washburn PHN Certification Program-

<http://www.washburn.edu/sonu> or e-mail Dr. Janice Dunwell at: zzdnwl@washburn.edu

ANA's Web site: <http://www.RNCE.org>

Other Continuing Education Online

The WALD CENTER: <http://www.waldcenter.org>

The Public Health Training Network:

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp>

KDHE/KALHD Training Calendars:

<http://phtc.calendarhost.com/cgi-bin/calweb/calweb.cgi>

Training Finder: Comprehensive database of distance learning course listings

<http://www.train.org/DesktopShell.aspx>

The MMWR Continuing Education Program:

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr>

MPH Kansas: <http://mph.kumc.edu>

National Library of Medicine –

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov>

CDC BT Training –

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

The Illinois Public Health Preparedness Center: <http://www.uic.edu/sph/prepare>

Heartland Center for Public Health Preparedness:

http://www.slu.edu/centers/heartland/programs_public.htm

Centers for Public Health Preparedness:

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/CPHPLocations.asp>

Public Health Training Centers:

<http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/publichealth/phtc.htm>

Other Public Health Workforce Development Centers:

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/resources.asp>

Public Health Workforce Competencies

Bioterrorism and Emergency Readiness Competencies for all Public Health Workers:

<http://www.nursing.hs.columbia.edu/institute-centers/chphsr/btcomps.html>

Competencies Feedback Project by the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice:

<http://www.trainingfinder.org/competencies/index.htm>

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